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**Count Hanlan's Downfall: Or, a True and Exact
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Tory, Redman O'Hanlan, &c.**

SIR,

THough You know I am not inclin'd to Scribling, and therefore can expect no Packet from me, yet being sensible of your want of fresh Intelligence of News from *Dublin*; and I being oblig'd to shew my gratitude for the last Favours you did me, do readily lay hold on this opportunity of telling you somewhat Remarkable has happen'd within the compass of these five days I have been in *Dublin*.

On *Saturday* last, when the Lord Lieutenant, Nobility, and Gentry were return'd from *Christ-Church*, where they had been Celebrating the King's Coronation: according to the custome upon State Feastivals, the Great Guns on the *Custom-House Key* were discharg'd; the first of which (being either overcharg'd, or through age, or ill usage, become faulty) burst into several pieces, which flew divers ways, and fell at considerable distances; particularly one piece of near an hundred weight, flew into the House of Captain *Lover*, on the *Blind Key*, and did much mischief; several persons were hurt (as 'tis said) by other pieces: but one piece hit a Gentleman on the side of his head, who was leaning on a post hard by, with intention to have fired one of the Guns himself; which Gentleman (Clerk he was to the Right Honourable the Lord *Blessington's* Troop)

was taken up, carried home, dressed by Chirurgeons, died yesterday, and was buried this afternoon.

This Account is purely Tragical: But another that I am to give you, may be said to be Tragi-Comical; for it has Bloodshed and Battery to the highest degree, in it, yet is the Tidings of it very welcome, I observe, to all here, and will be, no less to you, though at so considerable distance. 'Tis the Relation was this day brought, of the Surprize, and Killing of the Famous Northern Tory, Count *Hyndan*: The circumstances whereof, as I received them from the mouth of one of his Confederates, and Executioner, and Mr. *William Lucas*, who was Commissioned in that affair. That His Grace, the Lord Lieutenant finding all ways and endeavours hitherto used, as well by Himself, as other Chief Governours, for repressing and bringing to condign punishment, outrageous Rebels and Tories, infesting this Kingdom; resolved to act by his own sentiments and way: which was to this effect. His Grace sent for a Person of Honour of this City, (acquainted in those Counties these Tories chiefly resorted to,) and commanded him to find some person of choice, who might be capable of His Majesties Service in that Affair. On which Command of His Grace, Mr. *William Lucas* of *Drumintyan* in the County of *Down* was sent for; who received the following Commission, writ every word with His Grace's own hand, for privacy. None knowing of the design but this Person of Honour, and Mr. *Lucas*, whom His Grace acquainted with it. Besides other private directions given Mr. *Lucas* by His Grace, which I could not obtain. But the Commission is as follows.

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Mr. William Lucas his Protection and Assurance

The Lord Lieutenant's Order, or Commission to

Mr. William Lucas.

For the Apprehending, Killing, and Destroying of proclaimed

WHereas *William Lucas* Gent. hath given me good reason to believe that he is able to do His Majesty good service in the Apprehending, Killing, and Destroying of proclaimed Rebels and Tories; if he may, upon occasion, have the help and assistance of such of His Majesties Army, as he shall desire. These are therefore to Will and Require all His Majesties Officers, Civil and Military, to be aiding and assisting to the said *William Lucas* in the said service. And I particularly require all Officers of Horse and Foot, to send as many of the Souldiers, under their respective Commands, as he shall desire with him; and to direct such Souldiers to obey his Orders. And I further Authorize the said *William Lucas*, in my Name, to give assistance to any of the Tories, that in case they shall assist him in the performance of the said service, that they shall have his Majesties Gracious Pardon for any Crimes formerly committed by them, Murther only excepted. And that over and above, they shall be well rewarded. Given at His Majesties Castle of *Dublin* this 4th of *March*, 1682.

ORMOND.

Pursuant to which Commission, *Mr. William Lucas* thus acted. Knowing of a Fosterer of his, in Rebellion with *Redmond O Hanlan*, by one of his Relations sent for him; and this Fosterer, one *Art O Hanlan* came to *Mr. Lucas*, who gave him this following Protection.

Mr. William Lucas doth hereby certify that *Art O Hanlan* being thus furnished with Arms, by the said *Mr. William Lucas*, for the purpose of undertaking, waited for a convenient Opportunity of executing his Design, which was offered him.

Mr. *William Lucas* his Protection and Assurance
to Art o' Hanlan.

By Vertue of a Power to me, from His Grace the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; For the Apprehending, Killing and Destroying of proclaimed Rebels and Tories, bearing date the 4. of March last; as also for the giving Assurance and Protection to such Tories as shall assist me in His Majesties Service, and have not had hand in Murder; I do therefore in His Graces name give my Protection and Assurance to Art o' Hanlan, and do desire all His Majesties Officers, both Civil and Military to take notice thereof; and that they do not offer to kill, apprehend, molest or disturb the said Art, during the space of one Month, from the Date hereof: And I also desire all His Majesties Officers, and good Subjects, to be aiding and assisting to him the said Art o' Hanlan, in the furtherance of His Majesties Service. Given under my Hand this 3. of April, 1681.

To all His Majesties Officers,
both Civil and Military and
all other His Majesties good
Subjects, whom it may concern.

WILL. LUCAS.

Art O Hanlan being thus furnish'd and encouraged, and provided with Arms, by the said Mr. *William Lucas*, for so good an Undertaking, waited for a convenient Opportunity of Executing his Design, which did thus offer it self. On

On *Munday* the 25th. Instant, the said *Art O Hanlan* and *William O Sheel*, in company with *Redmond O Hanlan*, were near the *Eight Mile Bridge*, in the County of *Down*, waiting for Prize, on the score of a Fair that was held there, at which place, while they were watching for their Prey, *Redmond* took some occasion to quarrel with *Art*, as they were smoaking their Pipes, and in the close bid him provide for himself, for he should not be any longer a Tory in any of the three Counties, (*viz. Monaghan, Down, or Ardmagh*) whereupon *Art* rose up and said, I am very glad of it, and will go just now; and then taking up his Arms (having his Authority and Protection about him) immediately he shot *Redmond* in the left Breast, with his Carbine, and forthwith ran to the *Eight Mile Bridge* for a Guard, but *Art* returned with a Guard, and Mr. *Lucas*, who soon had notice at the *Newry* where he was waiting *Redmonds* motions, for the same Ends, found *Redmonds* Body, but the Head was taken off by *O Sheel*, who fled with it, the Body they removed to the *Newry*, where it lies under a Guard till Orders be sent how it should be disposed of; and since that Mr. *Lucas* has sent out a Protection and Assurance to *O Sheel*, to bring in the Head of that Arch Traytor and Tory *Redmond O Hanlan*.

This Evening *Art O Hanlan* gave in a Relation of this Adventure, to the Lord Lieutenant and Council, who ordered him to have a Sum of Money paid forthwith, for the good Service he has done. And to Mr. *Lucas* His Grace has promised the Honour of a Command in the Army. These I mention to shew the extraordinary Care, Vigilance and Honour of our Government. If this Relation of mine may prove any way diverting to you, 'twill be a sufficient Reward for this trouble of Letter writing, which is in it self irksom to

Your Obliged Humble
Servant.

Dublin April 27. 1681.

On Monday the 25th Instant, the said Art O'Hanlan and William O'Sheel, in company with Redmond O'Hanlan, were near the Eight Mile Bridge, in the County of Down, waiting for Prince, on the score of a Fair that was held there, at which place, while they were watching for their prey, Redmond took some occasion to quarrel with Art, as they were smoking their pipes, and in the dole bid him provide for himself, for he should not be any longer a Tory in any of the three Counties (viz. Monaghan, Down, or Wicklow) whereupon Art rose up and said, I am very glad of it, and will go just now; and then taking up his arms, having his Authority and Protection on about him, immediately he shot Redmond in the left Breast, with his Carbine, and forwarding him to the Eight Mile Bridge for a Guard, but Art returned with a Guard, and the two who soon had notice at the Navy where he was waiting, Redmond motions for the same Rank, found Redmond's Body, but the Head was taken off by O'Sheel, who shot within the Body they removed to the Navy, where it lies under a Gun till Orders be sent how it should be disposed of; and since that Mr. Law has sent out a Protection and Assistance to O'Sheel, to bring in the Head of that Arch-Traitor and Tory Redmond O'Hanlan.

This Evening Art O'Hanlan gave in a Relation of the Adventure, to the Lord Lieutenant and Council, who ordered him to have a sum of Money paid forthwith, for the good Service he had done. And to Mr. Law His Grace has promised the Honour of a Command in the Army. These I intend to shew the extraordinary Care, Vigilance and Honour of our Government. If this Relation of mine may prove any way diverting to you, 'twill be a sufficient Reward for this trouble of Letter writing, which is in it self tedious to

Your Obedient Humble

Secretary

Dublin April 27. 1681.

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